

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image processing apparatus comprising:  
an input unit which inputs image information  
including a first image information having a first  
5 attribute for printing and a second image information  
having a second attribute for storing;

a printer which prints an image based on the  
image information input by said input unit on a  
recording medium to which a storage device is  
10 attached;

a writing unit which writes the image  
information to the storage device attached to the  
recording medium;

a controller which controls said printer and  
15 said writing unit such that the image based on the  
first image information having the first attribute  
input by said input unit is printed on the recording  
medium and the second image information having the  
second attribute input by said input unit is written  
20 to the storage device attached to the recording  
medium on which the image is printed by said printer;  
and

a reading unit which reads the second image  
information stored in the storage device,  
25 wherein said controller controls said printer  
such that an image based on the second image

information having the second information read by said reading unit is printed on a recording sheet in a case where said reading unit reads the second image information.

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2. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit which authenticates a user for allowing said reading unit to read.

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3. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a display unit which displays an image based on the image information stored in the storage medium.

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4. An image processing apparatus according to Claim 3, further comprising an instruction unit which instructs said printer to perform printing based on the content displayed by said display unit.

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5. An image processing method comprising:  
a generating step of generating image information to be printed;

a setting step of setting an attribute of the  
25 image information generated in said generating step,  
the attribute indicating whether or not the image information is to be visualized; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the image information generated in said generating step and the attribute set in said setting step to a printer loaded with a recording medium to which a storage  
5 device is attached.

6. An image processing method according to Claim 5, wherein

authentication information for reading the  
10 image information which is not visualized is also set in said setting step, and

the authentication information is also transmitted to the printer in said transmitting step.

15 7. An image processing method comprising:  
an input step of inputting image information including a first image information having a first attribute for printing and a second image information having a second attribute for storing;

20 a printing step of printing an image based on the image information input in said input step on a recording medium to which a storage device is attached;

a writing step of writing the image information  
25 input in said input step to the storage device attached to the recording medium on which the image based on the image information is printed in said

printing step.

a reading step of reading the second image  
information stored in the storage device,

wherein said printing step also prints an image  
5 based on the second image information having the  
second information read in said reading step in a  
case where said reading step reads the second image  
information.

10 8. A computer readable program stored in a  
storage medium, said program comprising:

a generating step of generating image  
information to be printed;

a setting step of setting an attribute of the  
15 image information generated in said generating step,  
the attribute indicating whether or not the image  
information is to be visualized; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the image  
information generated in said generating step and the  
20 attribute set in said setting step to a printer  
loaded with a recording medium to which a storage  
device is attached.

25 9. A computer readable program, stored in a  
storage medium, said program comprising:

an input step of inputting image information  
including a first image information having a first

attribute for printing and a second image information  
having a second attribute for storing;

5 a printing step of printing an image based on  
the image information input in said input step on a  
recording medium to which a storage device is  
attached;

a writing step of writing the image information  
input in said input step to the storage device  
attached to the recording medium on which the image  
10 based on the image information is printed in said  
printing step.

a reading step of reading the second image  
information stored in the storage device,

15 wherein said printing step also prints an image  
based on the second image information having the  
second information read in said reading step in a  
case where said reading step reads the second image  
information.